

**Data Brief 260: Birth Expectations of U.S. Women Aged 15–44**

**Data table for Figure 1. Percentage of women aged 15–44 who expect, do not expect, or do not know if they expect to have a child in the future: United States, 2002, 2006–2010, 2011–2013, and 2013–2015**

Survey response	2002		2006–2010		2011–2013		2013–2015	
	Percentage	(SE)	Percentage	(SE)	Percentage	(SE)	Percentage	(SE)
Yes, intend	45.9	(0.89)	48.8	(1.00)	49.0	(1.29)	49.6	(1.07)
No, do not intend	52.6	(0.88)	49.8	(0.98)	49.8	(1.27)	48.7	(1.09)
Don't know	1.5	(0.19)	1.4	(0.16)	1.2	(0.24)	1.7	(0.28)

NOTE: SE is standard error.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2002, 2006–2010, 2011–2013, and 2013–2015.

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**Data table for Figure 2. Percentage of women aged 15–44 who expect to have a child in the future, by current age and number of biological children: United States, 2013–2015**

Age group	No children		One child		Two or more children	
	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)
15–24	86.1	(1.08)	75.1	(3.19)	62.8	(4.73)
25–34	76.6	(1.95)	57.1	(3.15)	24.9	(2.11)
35–44	33.4	(3.63)	23.3	(3.98)	6.1	(1.18)

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**Data table for Figure 3. Average number of children already born, additional children expected, and total births expected among women aged 15–44: United States, 2002, 2006–2010, 2011–2013, and 2013–2015**

Number of children	2002		2006–2010		2011–2013		2013–2015	
	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)
Average number of children born	1.3	(0.03)	1.3	(0.03)	1.2	(0.04)	1.2	(0.03)
Additional children expected	1.0	(0.03)	1.1	(0.04)	1.0	(0.04)	1.0	(0.03)
Total children expected	2.3	(0.03)	2.3	(0.04)	2.3	(0.04)	2.2	(0.03)

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**Data table for Figure 4. Birth expectations and expected timing of next child among women aged 15–44, by marital or cohabiting status: United States, 2013–2015**

Marital status	Within 2 years		2–5 years		More than 5 years		Don't expect another child	
	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)
Total	12.4	(0.57)	20.2	(0.82)	18.2	(0.89)	48.9	(1.08)
Currently married	19.3	(1.26)	11.7	(1.03)	2.0	(0.41)	66.5	(1.53)
Cohabiting	16.0	(1.80)	28.4	(2.22)	9.9	(1.45)	45.1	(2.39)
Never married	5.3	(0.61)	27.3	(1.45)	39.7	(1.65)	27.7	(1.26)

NOTE: SE is standard error.

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**Data table for Figure 5. Birth expectations and expected timing of next child among women aged 15–44, by current number of biological children: United States, 2013–2015**

Parity	Within 2 years		2–5 years		More than 5 years		Don't expect another child	
	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)	Percent	(SE)
Total	12.4	(0.57)	20.2	(0.82)	18.2	(0.89)	48.9	(1.08)
No children	12.4	(0.93)	28.9	(1.43)	36.1	(1.62)	22.4	(1.26)
One child	22.1	(2.00)	24.4	(1.59)	4.8	(0.80)	48.1	(2.02)
Two or more children	7.9	(0.86)	7.1	(0.77)	2.3	(0.42)	82.3	(1.36)

NOTE: SE is standard error.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Survey of Family Growth, 2013–2015.